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So (two-thirds being in the affirmative) the rules were suspended and the bill was passed.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

#### RESIGNATION FROM THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCIAL SERVICES

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following resignation as a member of the Committee on Financial Services:

CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES,  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,  
Washington, DC, April 28, 2014.

Hon. JOHN BOEHNER,  
Speaker of the House,  
Washington, DC.

DEAR SPEAKER BOEHNER: In light of recent events, I am writing this letter to respectfully request to be removed from my position on the House Financial Services Committee. Upon a successful resolution of pending legal matters my intention is to resume said position as an active member of the committee. Respectfully submitted,

MICHAEL G. GRIMM,  
Member of Congress, Eleventh District  
of New York.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, the resignation is accepted. There was no objection.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Mr. Speaker, there were a number of votes that I missed because I was unavoidably detained for the memorial services at Fort Hood, Texas, on April 9, 2014, and for honoring President Lyndon Baines Johnson on April 10, 2014.

Had I been present, I would have voted as follows:

On rollcall vote No. 171, the substitute amendment of Mulvaney, I would have voted "no."

On rollcall vote No. 172, which involved the budget resolution on the Congressional Black Caucus budget, I would have voted "yes."

On rollcall vote No. 173 on the Progressive Caucus budget, I would have voted "yes."

On rollcall vote No. 174 on the Expatriate Health Coverage Clarification Act, I would have voted "no."

On rollcall vote No. 175 on the Woodall of Georgia substitute budget amendment, I would have voted "no."

On rollcall vote No. 176, the Democratic alternative for Mr. VAN HOLLEN, I would have voted "yes."

On rollcall vote No. 177, the Republican fiscal year 2015 budget resolution of Mr. RYAN, I would have voted "no."

This concludes the votes that I missed due to the memorial at Fort Hood and the honoring of President Lyndon Baines Johnson.

#### HONORING THE LIFE OF FAITH, GRACE, AND ACHIEVEMENT OF SISTER FRANCESCA ONLEY

(Mr. FITZPATRICK asked and was given permission to address the House

for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. FITZPATRICK. Mr. Speaker, my friend, Sister Francesca Onley, has served as president of Holy Family University for 32 years and is recognized as an outstanding and effective administrator. She led the expansion of the institution in Philadelphia while maintaining the integrity of its educational philosophy. Sister Francesca guided Holy Family to its university status. She expanded enrollment and grew the endowment fund substantially.

Sister Francesca also attained leadership positions in educational associations, including charter president of the Southeastern Pennsylvania Consortium for Higher Education, the prestigious International Association of University Presidents, and the United Nations Commission on Disarmament Education, Conflict Resolution and Peace.

She addressed the Commission's goal to nurture peace concepts through education by establishing outreach programs in Africa. Sister Francesca is being honored in Philadelphia for a life of faith, grace, and achievement. Her family, friends, and associates look forward to the future accomplishments of this most remarkable woman.

#### SAFE CLIMATE CAUCUS

(Mr. PETERS of California asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. PETERS of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today as a member of the Safe Climate Caucus to highlight an important program for resiliency and preparedness.

America's PrepareAthon! is taking place this Wednesday as a reminder to communities across the country that while we hope for the best, we must prepare for the worst.

In California, 1,108 wildfires have been reported this year—well above the year-to-date average. In 2003 and 2007, wildfires devastated communities in the San Diego region, especially affecting the 52nd District communities of Scripps Ranch, Tierrasanta, Rancho Bernardo, and Poway and claiming 29 lives.

The PrepareAthon! is a national day to refocus our attention on emergency planning and resiliency, as well as exercises and drills that can save lives in a disaster. Last year, I introduced the bipartisan STRONG Act to equip communities, State and local governments with better information and data on preparedness so we don't reinvent the wheel with every disaster.

While there is debate in this Chamber about climate change, there isn't among scientists. We must prepare our communities, families, and businesses for the hurricanes, more powerful storms, and wildfires becoming more common and powerful every day.

#### MR. PUTIN: THE AGGRESSOR IN EASTERN EUROPE

(Mr. POE of Texas asked and was given permission to address the House

for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. POE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, last week I traveled with a bipartisan delegation to see firsthand the situation on the ground in "Putin's Ukraine." The Napoleon of Siberia has driven his tanks over the administration's "reset" button. He launched a blitzkrieg-style aggression, stole Crimea, and he doesn't appear to be through.

The West's timid response to Putin's aggression has failed to stop his crusade to restore the former Soviet empire. He does not fear the United States. With our response so far, why should he?

Instead of retreating, Putin has brought back his imperialistic tactics from the old Soviet playbook. The consensus on the ground is that the worst is yet to come. It is time for the administration to stand up against Putin.

We must implement sanctions that actually work where it will hurt Russia's economy the most—and start with the financial and energy sectors. We must expedite the approval of U.S. natural gas export permits so Ukraine and other European countries can buy American instead. And we can end Russia's monopoly and stranglehold over Europe when it comes to energy. We need to put the Russian bear back in the cage.

And that's just the way it is.

#### RECOGNIZING YOM HASHOAH, HOLOCAUST REMEMBRANCE DAY

(Mr. GARCIA asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. GARCIA. I rise today to recognize Yom Hashoah, Holocaust Remembrance Day.

All over the world, people like south Floridian David Mermelstein, who is currently in Poland on the March of the Living, are honoring the memories of all those who suffered and died.

We must also redouble our commitment to the survivors who are still with us. This past Sunday, I had the privilege of attending a Yom Hashoah ceremony at the Miami Beach Holocaust Memorial and hearing from the survivors.

It is unacceptable that billions are still owed to deserving survivors and that many insurers have made it nearly impossible for beneficiaries to collect their payments. These are men and women who suffered from unimaginable physical and emotional pain and who carry their injuries and scars with them to this day. We must do right by them.

I urge my colleagues to honor the dead as well as the living and take action to return what is due to the Holocaust survivors.